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PATENT
CASE NO. 5050/720

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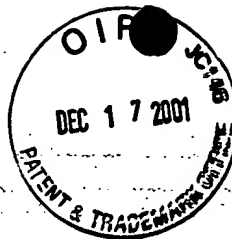
In re Application of:)
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Joseph Urbano et al.)
) Examiner: unassigned
Serial No.: 09/396,486)
) Group Art Unit: 3737
Filed: September 14, 1999)
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For: MEDICAL DIAGNOSTIC ULTRASOUND SYSTEM)
AND METHOD)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Before examining the above-captioned, accompanying 37 CFR 1.60 application, please enter the following amendment.



Case No.
Applicant

5050-720
Urbano et al.

Hon. Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

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